

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

- 5      1.     A method in a data processing system for locating files, the method comprising:  
receiving an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and  
responsive to receiving the input, saving the file in association with a unique  
identifier in a data store, wherein the data store describes associations between files and  
unique identifiers and wherein files are retrieved based on unique identifiers.
- 10     2.     The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
responsive to a request from a requester for files associated with the unique  
identifier, querying the data store for an identification of the files associated with the  
unique identifier.  
15     receiving a result from the data store; and  
returning the result to the requester.
- 20     3.     The method of claim 1, wherein the result is presented as a list of categories to a  
user.
- 25     4.     The method of claim 1, wherein the locations of the file are in a remote data  
processing system.  
5.     The method of claim 1, wherein input is a user input to save the file.  
6.     The method of claim 1, wherein the input is from a program initiating saving of

the file.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is selected from one of a user name, an event, or a task.

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8. A file system comprising:

a data store, wherein the data store stores associations between files and unique identifiers; and

10 a file management process, wherein the file management process associates the unique identifier with the file in the data store when a file is saved and identifies files associated with a unique identifier in the data store when a query to retrieve files using the unique identifier is made.

9. A data processing system for locating files, the data processing system  
15 comprising:  
a bus system;  
a communications unit connected to the bus system;  
a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and  
20 a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to receive an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and save the file in association with a unique identifier in a data store in response to receiving the input in which the data store describes associations between files and unique identifiers and in which files are retrieved based on unique identifiers.

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10. A data processing system for locating files, the data processing system

comprising:

- receiving means for receiving an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and
- saving means, responsive to receiving the input, for saving the file in association with a unique identifier in a data store, wherein the data store describes associations between files and unique identifiers and wherein files are retrieved based on unique identifiers.

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- 11. The data processing system of claim 10 further comprising:
  - querying means, responsive to a request from a requester for files associated with
  - the unique identifier, for querying the data store for an identification of the files associated with the unique identifier.
  - receiving means for receiving a result from the data store; and
  - returning means for returning the result to the requester.

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- 12. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the result is presented as a list of categories to a user.

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- 13. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the locations of the file are in a remote data processing system.

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- 14. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein input is a user input to save the file.

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- 15. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the input is from a program initiating saving of the file.

16. The data processing system of claim 10, wherein the identifier is selected from one of a user name, an event, or a task.
17. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for locating files,
  - 5 the computer program product comprising:
    - first instructions for receiving an input indicating that a file is to be saved; and
    - second instructions, responsive to receiving the input, for saving the file in association with a unique identifier in a data store, wherein the data store describes associations between files and unique identifiers and wherein files are retrieved based on
    - 10 unique identifiers.
18. The computer program product of claim 17 further comprising:
  - third instructions, responsive to a request from a requester, for files associated with the unique identifier, querying the data store for an identification of the files
  - 15 associated with the unique identifier;
  - fourth instructions for receiving a result from the data store; and
  - fifth instructions for returning the result to the requester.
19. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the result is presented as a list of categories to a user.
20. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the locations of the file are in a remote data processing system.
- 25 21. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein input is a user input to save the file.

22. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the input is from a program initiating saving of the file.
- 5    23. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the identifier is selected from one of a user name, an event, or a task.